

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 2018

Mrs. Mary T. Barra  
Chairman and CEO  
General Motors Company  
300 Renaissance Center  
Detroit, MI 48243

Dear Mrs. Barra:

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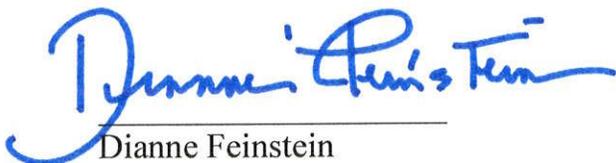
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Mr. Sergio Marchionne  
Chairman and CEO  
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles US  
1000 Chrysler Dr.  
Auburn Hills, MI 48321

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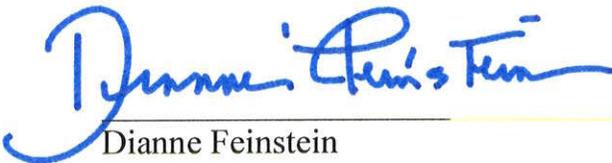
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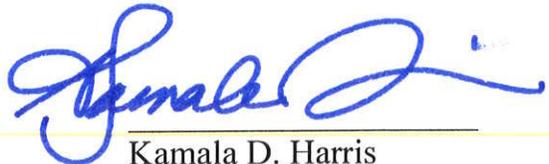
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Ford Motor Company  
1 American Road  
Dearborn, MI 48126

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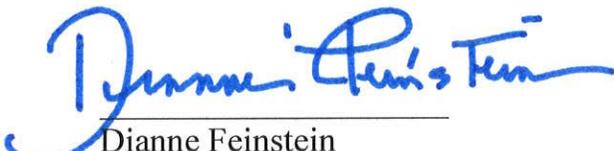
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Mr. Toshiaki Mikoshiba  
President and CEO  
American Honda Motor Co.  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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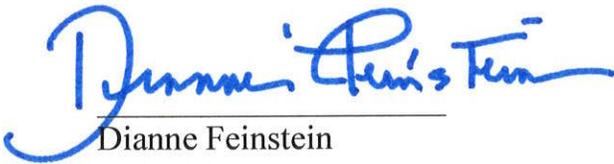
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Toyota Motor Sales, USA  
6565 Headquarters Drive  
Plano, TX

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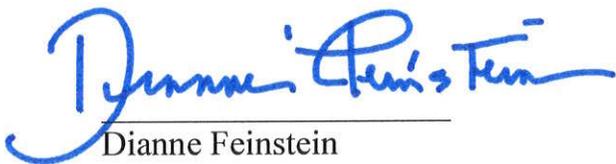
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Volvo Car Group  
1 Volvo Dr.  
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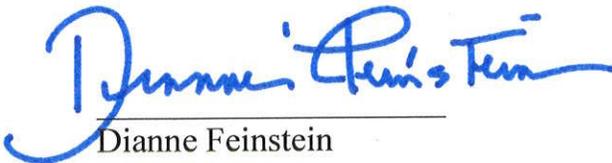
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Cypress, CA 90630

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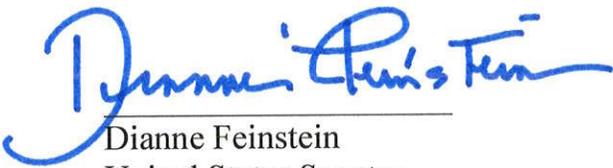
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 2018

Mr. Bernhard Kuhnt  
CEO  
BMW of North America  
300 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677-7731

Dear Mr. Kuhnt:

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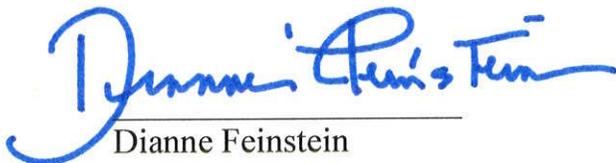
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Mr. Thomas J. Doll  
President and COO  
Subaru of America  
2235 Route 70 West  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002

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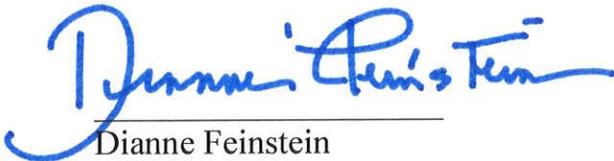
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 2018

Mr. Hinrich J. Woebcken  
President and CEO  
Volkswagen Group of America  
2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive  
Herndon, Virginia 20171

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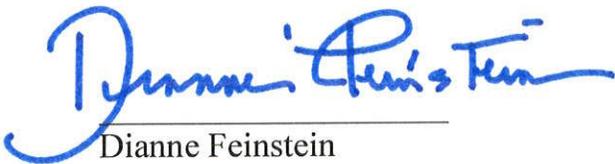
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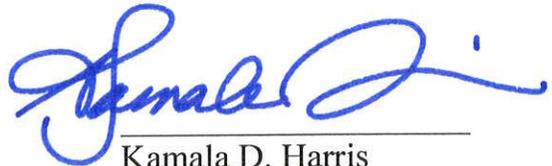
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 2018

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President and CEO  
Mercedes-Benz USA  
1 Mercedes-Benz Dr.  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

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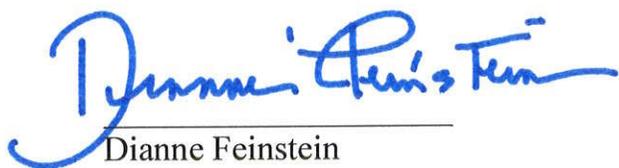
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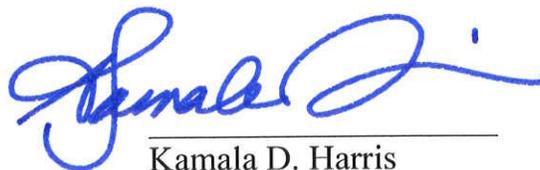
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 2018

Mr. Masahiro Moro  
President and CEO  
Mazda North American Operations  
7755 Irvine Center Drive  
Irvine, CA 92618

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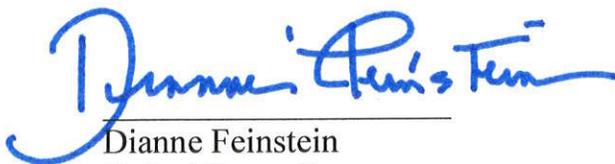
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 2018

Dr. Ralf Speth  
CEO  
Jaguar Land Rover North America  
555 MacArthur Blvd.  
Mahwah, NJ 07430

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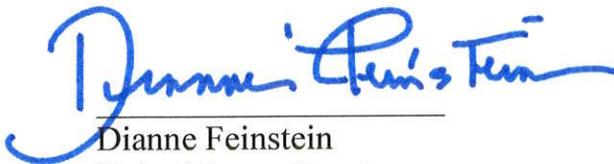
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Denis Le Vot  
Chairman and Senior Vice President  
Nissan North America  
One Nissan Way  
Franklin, TN 37067

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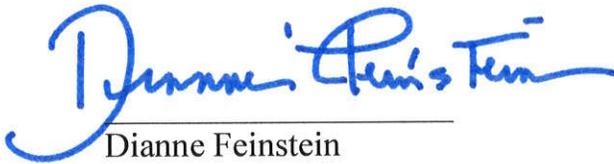
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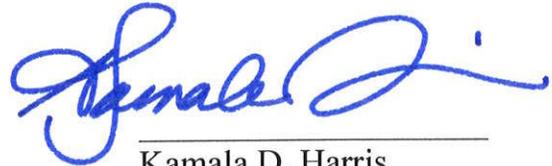
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 2018

Mr. Kyung Soo Lee  
President and CEO  
Hyundai Motor America  
10550 Talbert Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Dear Mr. Lee:

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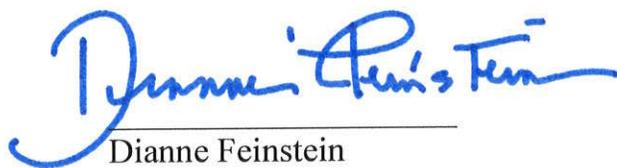
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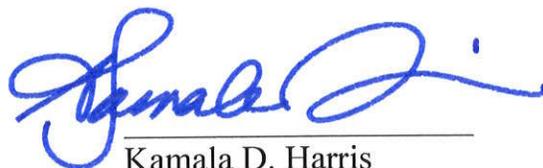
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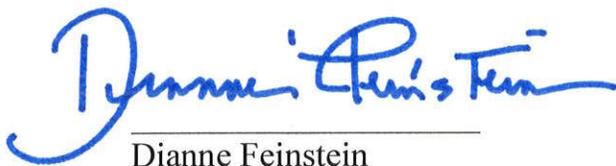
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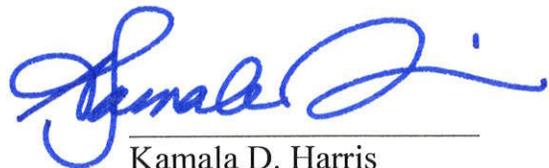
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